

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-2 (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 2 59 wherein said disk comprises a flat base  
2 ~~form while~~ from which said annular ring extends.

4. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 3 wherein said ring has ~~an S-shaped radially~~  
2 ~~outwardly facing surface, including~~ a rounded convex portion that extends from an axial  
3 edge of said ring and a rounded concave portion that extends from said convex portion to  
4 a flat axially facing surface of said base.

5. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 4 wherein said disk base has a central portion  
2 within said ring and a peripheral portion outside of said ring, said central and peripheral  
3 portions being of identical thickness.

6. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 5 wherein said liner is of uniform thickness over  
2       said central portion, said ring and said peripheral portion of said disk.

7. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 6 wherein said liner includes a barrier resin  
2       material to resist migration of gases, water vapor or flavorants through said liner.

8. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 5 wherein said disk further includes an axially  
2       extending bead around a peripheral portion of said disk base to space said disk base from  
3       said base wall of said shell.

9. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 3 wherein said disk further includes an annular  
2       rib around a radially outer edge of said disk base extending away from said base wall and  
3       underlying said liner for engaging said liner against a radially outer edge of a container  
4       finish when said closure is secured to the container finish.

10. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 9 wherein said annular rib has a radially  
2 inwardly directed surface, onto which a peripheral portion of said liner is molded, that  
3 extends axially and radially outwardly from said base of said disk.

11. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 10 wherein a thickness of said liner on said  
2 radially inwardly directed surface of said rib is less than the thickness of said liner on said  
3 disk base and said ring.

12. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 10 wherein said closure shell has a bead  
2 extending radially inwardly from said skirt adjacent to but spaced from said base wall, and  
3 wherein said annular rib has a concave radially outwardly directed surface portion received  
4 over said bead.

13. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 4 59 wherein said closure shell includes a bead  
2 extending radially inwardly from said skirt at a position spaced from said base wall, and  
3 wherein said disk and liner are loosely captured between said bead and said base wall.

14. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 13 wherein said closure shell further includes  
2   a tamper-indicating band connected by frangible means to a lower edge of said skirt for  
3   abutment with a stop on the container finish, spacing between said bead and said base  
4   wall being such that said band abuts the stop and fractures said frangible means before  
5   said bead lifts said disk and liner from sealing engagement with the container finish.

15. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 1 59 wherein said liner includes a barrier  
2   material against migration of gases, water vapor or flavorants through said liner.

16. (Original)

1           A plastic closure that comprises:  
2           a plastic closure shell including a base wall, and a peripheral skirt with an  
3 internal thread for securing the closure to a container finish and an internal bead adjacent  
4 to but spaced from said base wall,  
5           a plastic disk loosely retained by said bead parallel to but separate from said  
6 base wall, said disk including a flat base with a peripheral portion captured between said  
7 bead and said base wall and an annular ring extending axially from said base adjacent to  
8 but spaced from said periphery, and  
9           a resilient liner molded onto said disk covering at least a central portion of  
10 said base and said ring, said ring urging said liner into sealing engagement with a radially  
11 inner edge of a container finish when said closure is secured to the container finish.

17. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 16 wherein said liner is molded in situ onto said  
2 disk within said closure.

18. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 17 wherein said ring has an S-shaped radially  
2 ~~outwardly facing surface, including~~ a rounded convex portion that extends from an axial  
3 edge of said ring and a rounded concave portion that extends from said convex portion to  
4 a flat axially facing surface of said base.

19. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 18 wherein said liner includes a barrier resin  
2 material to resist migration of gases, water vapor or flavorants through said liner.

20. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 16 wherein said disk further includes an axially  
2 extending bead around a peripheral portion of said disk base to space said disk base from  
3 said base wall of said shell.

21. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 16 wherein said disk further includes an annular  
2 rib around a radially outer edge of said disk base extending away from said base wall and  
3 underlying said liner for engaging said liner against a radially outer edge of a container  
4 finish when said closure is secured to the container finish.

22. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 21 wherein said annular rib has a radially  
2 inwardly directed surface, onto which a peripheral portion of said liner is molded, that  
3 extends axially and inwardly outwardly from said base of said disk.

23. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 22 wherein a thickness of said liner on said  
2 radially inwardly directed surface of said rib is less than the thickness of said liner on said  
3 disk base and said ring.

24. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 22 wherein said closure shell has a bead  
2 extending radially inwardly from said skirt adjacent to but spaced from said base wall, and  
3 wherein said annular rib has a concave radially outwardly directed surface portion received  
4 over said bead.

25-33 (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 32 60 wherein said disk further includes an  
2   annular rib around a radially outer edge of said disk base extending away from said base  
3   wall and underlying said liner for engaging said liner against a radially outer edge of the  
4   container finish when said closure is secured to the container finish.

35. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 34 wherein said annular rib has a radially  
2   inwardly directed surface, onto which a peripheral portion of said liner is molded, that  
3   extends axially and radially outwardly from said base of said disk.

36. (Original)

1           The closure set forth in claim 35 wherein said closure shell has a bead  
2   extending radially inwardly from said skirt adjacent to but spaced from said base wall, and  
3   wherein said annular rib has a concave radially outwardly directed surface portion received  
4   over said bead.

37. (Currently Amended)

1           The closure set forth in claim 25 60 wherein said liner includes a barrier resin  
2   material to resist migration of gases, water vapor or flavorants through said liner.



38. (Original)

1           A closure and container package that comprises:  
2           a container including a body and a finish with an external thread, and  
3           a plastic closure that includes:  
4           a plastic closure shell including a base wall, and a peripheral skirt with an  
5 internal thread securing the closure to a said container finish and an internal bead  
6 adjacent to but spaced from said base wall,  
7           a plastic disk retained by said bead parallel to but separate from said base  
8 wall, said disk including a flat base with a peripheral portion captured between said bead  
9 and said base wall and an annular ring extending axially from said base adjacent to but  
10 spaced from said periphery, and  
11           a resilient liner molded onto said disk covering at least a central portion of  
12 said base and said ring, said ring urging said liner into sealing engagement with a radially  
13 inner edge of said container finish.

39. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 38 wherein said liner is molded in situ onto  
2 said disk within said closure.

40. (Currently Amended)

1           The package set forth in claim 39 wherein said ring has an S-shaped radially  
2   ~~outwardly facing surface, including~~ a rounded convex portion that extends from an axial  
3   edge of said ring and a rounded concave portion that extends from said convex portion to  
4   a flat axially facing surface of said base.

41. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 40 wherein said liner includes a barrier resin  
2   material to resist migration of gases, water vapor or flavorants through said liner.

42. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 38 wherein said disk further includes an axially  
2   extending bead around a peripheral portion of said disk base to space said disk base from  
3   said base wall of said shell.

43. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 38 wherein said disk further includes an  
2   annular rib around a radially outer edge of said disk base extending away from said base  
3   wall and underlying said liner for engaging said liner against a radially outer edge of said  
4   container finish.

44. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 43 wherein said annular rib has a radially  
2 inwardly directed surface, onto which a peripheral portion of said liner is molded, that  
3 extends axially and radially outwardly from said base of said disk.

45. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 44 wherein thickness of said liner on said  
2 radially inwardly directed surface of said rib is less than the thickness of said liner on said  
3 disk base and said ring.

46. (Original)

1           The package set forth in claim 44 wherein said closure shell has a bead  
2 extending radially inwardly from said skirt adjacent to but spaced from said base wall, and  
3 wherein said annular rib has a concave radially outwardly directed surface portion received  
4 over said bead.

47-58 (Cancelled)

59. (New)

1           A two-piece plastic closure that comprises:  
2           a plastic closure shell including a base wall and a peripheral skirt with internal  
3 means for securing the closure over a container finish, and  
4           a plastic disk loosely retained within said shell parallel to but separate from  
5 said base wall, and a resilient sealing liner molded in situ on said disk for sealing  
6 engagement with a container finish,  
7           said disk including an annular ring underlying said liner on a side of said disk  
8 remote from said base wall, said ring being spaced from said skirt for urging said liner  
9 against a radially inner edge of a container finish when said closure is secured to the  
10 container finish.

60. (New)

1           A plastic closure that comprises:  
2           a plastic shell including a base wall and a peripheral skirt with internal means  
3   for securement to a container finish,  
4           a resilient sealing liner for urging by said base wall into sealing engagement  
5   with a container finish upon securement of said skirt to the finish, and  
6           an annular ring underlying said liner and spaced radially inwardly from said  
7   skirt for urging said liner into sealing engagement with a radially inner edge of the container  
8   finish,  
9           said ring being on a plastic disk loosely retained within said shell parallel to  
10   but separate from said base wall,  
11          said disk comprising a flat base from which said annular ring extends, and  
12   an axially extending bead around a peripheral portion of said disk base to space said disk  
13   base from said base wall of said liner.